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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Hiroaki OBARA  
FAULT TOLERANT COMPUTER, AND DISK MANAGEMENT  
MECHANISM AND DISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THEREOF  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q77205

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 24 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>15</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-252461	August 30, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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